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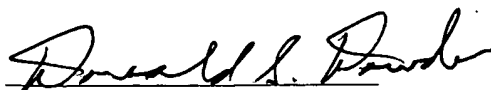
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We are submitting herewith a translation of the PCT International Preliminary Examination Report (form PCT/IPEA/409), along with a copy of PCT Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (form PCT/IB/338).

Respectfully submitted,
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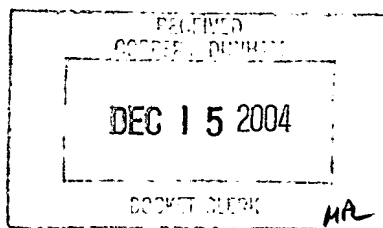

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VIA FACSIMILE
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CONFIRMATION

Re: U.S. Patent Application based on PCT/JP03/03484
'Masking Member' for Nagoya Oilchemical Co., Ltd.
Your Docket: 2710/73415
Our Ref.: NOU-53-PCT-27

Dear Mr. Dowden:

We are enclosing translation of the international preliminary examination report for the patent application identified above. We have just received it from the International Bureau.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Sincerely yours,

Michiko Sugiyama
for Tadao Usami

Enclosures

- 1) Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IB/338)
- 2) English Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/409)

Translation

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

PCT Application
PCT/JP2003/003484



Applicant's or agent's file reference NOPCT-27	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/JP2003/003484	International filing date (day/month/year) 20 March 2003 (20.03.2003)	Priority date (day/month/year) 09 April 2002 (09.04.2002)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC B05B 15/00		
Applicant NAGOYA OILCHEMICAL CO., LTD.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
- These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 30 October 2003 (30.10.2003)	Date of completion of this report 07 January 2004 (07.01.2004)
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2003/003484

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the claims:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the drawings:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP 03/03484

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 5-111670 A (Daikyo Inc.), 07 May 1993

Document 2: JP 3043230 U (Takigen Seizo Kabushiki
Kaisha), 18 November 1997

Document 3: JP 2000-884 A (Nagoya Oil Chem. Co., Ltd.),
07 January 2000

Claim 1

A masking material, which is attached to a part to be masked that comprises through holes, wherein a flange that covers up to the peripheral end edge of the through holes is formed at the periphery of the bottom end of the fitted portion of the masking material, is not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the international search report, and is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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Applicant NAGOYA OILCHEMICAL CO., LTD. et al	

1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.

The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation made by the International Bureau of the international preliminary examination report established by the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

2. Transmittal of the copy of the translation to the elected Offices.

The International Bureau notifies the applicant that copies of that translation have been transmitted to the following elected Offices requiring such translation:

CA, CN, EP, KR

The following elected Offices, having waived the requirement for such a transmittal at this time, will receive copies of that translation from the International Bureau only upon their request:

AU, JP, US

3. Reminder regarding translation into (one of) the official language(s) of the elected Office(s).

The applicant is reminded that, where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report.

It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned (Rule 74.1). See Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide for further details.

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